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SUBJECT: UNSOWN MOONSEED

1. ARMANDO ACOSTA, U.S. CITIZEN FILM PRODUCER, CALLED EMBASSY NOVEMBER 17 TO RELATE HIS FRUSTRATIONS IN TRYING TO WIN APPROVAL OF FREETOWN GOVERNMENT FOR FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION IN SIERRA LEONE. COMPANY IS CALLED MOONSEED PRODUCTION AND FILM IS TO BE ENTITLED "MOONSEED: FANTASIES OF A GENTLE MAN." FINANCING IS JOINT US/UK (DURHAM PRODUCTIONS, NEW YORK). SCRIPT REQUIRES SETTINGS AND SCENERY FOR WHICH SIERRA LEONE WOULD BE IDEAL, ACOSTA SAID, BUT EFFORTS BOTH IN LONDON AND FREETOWN (MINISTRY OF INFORMATION) TO OBTAIN GOSL PERMISSION HAVE GONE WITHOUT RESPONSE. ACOSTA SAID PRODUCTION IS ENTIRELY APOLITICAL AND SHOULD BE A FINANCIAL ATTRACTION TO THE GOVERNMENT IN FREETOWN. ACOSTA APPARENTLY MET WITH AMBASSADOR SAMUELS IN LATE AUGUST TO DISCUSS PROJECT.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER SAID HE WOULD QUERY EMBASSY FREETOWN IN HOPES OF AN EXPLANATION FOR APPARENT LACK OF INTEREST BY GOSL AND ASSESSMENT OF THE PROSPECTS FOR THE PRODUCTION'S EVENTUAL SUCCESS.

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